

design takes due consideration of the deficiencies which could have contributed to the delamination. The re-design provides for adequate margin to take care of any eventualities.

#### Public Sector Units - Electronics

16. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Public Sector Units under Department of Electronics manufacturing electronic appliances;

(b) whether these units are exporting their products; and

(c) if so, the profits earned and exports made during 1994-95 and 1995-96, Unit-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). There are three Public Sector Undertakings namely CMC Limited, Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL) and Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET&T) under the administrative control of the Department of Electronics. However, CMC Ltd. is not manufacturing electronic appliances.

2. Some of the products of SCI and ET&T are being exported. The software services are being exported by CMC Ltd.

3. The details of profit earned and export made are as follows :-

(Rupees in Crores)

PSU	1994-95		1995-96	
	Profit	Export	Profit	Export
1. CMC Ltd.	7.46	13.90	13.66*	24.16
2. SCL	1.05	0.06	3.38	Nil
3. ET&T Ltd.	**	2.77	**	1.42*

\* (Provisional)

\*\* The ET&T as a whole has incurred losses during these years.

#### Clearance to Pending Power Projects

17. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of ongoing power projects in Maharashtra;

(b) the proposals pending clearance of the union authorities for new projects to be taken up in Maharashtra;

(c) the details thereof, project-wise;

(d) whether the foreign investors/private power producers have shown interest in setting up power plants in the state; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The position of ongoing projects in the State Sector in Maharashtra is given below :-

S.No.	Name of Project & Capacity	Expected Year of commissioning
1.	Chandrapur TPP Extn. 500 MW	1997-98
2.	Dimbhe HEP 1x5 MW	1996-97
3.	Dudhganga HEP 2x12 MW	1997-98
4.	Ghatghar PSS 2x125 MW	1999-2000
5.	Koyna St. IV 4x250 MW	1997-98
6.	Warna HEP 2x8 MW	1997-98

(b) and (c). The details of power projects for Maharashtra which are under examination in the Central Electricity Authority for accord of techno-economic clearance, are given below :

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Capacity
1.	Chikhaldara HEP Pumped Storage	2x200 MW
2.	Uran GTPP Expansion	400 MW

(d) and (e). The details of four proposals received from the foreign investors/private power producers for setting up power plants in the Maharashtra State are given below :

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Capacity
1.	Bharwati TPS ST. I&II	1082 MW
2.	Dabhol CCGT (LNG)	2184 MW
3.	Khaperkhede Units 3 & 4	2x250 MW
4.	Patalganga GBPP	410 MW

[Translation]

#### Private Power Projects

18. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :  
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the electricity generated by the power plants being set-up by foreign companies in the country

is to be available at a price higher than that on which it is being made available in developed countries of the world;

(b) whether power generation by Cogentrix Power Plant will be costlier as compared to the cost of power generation in other Asian nations;

(c) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the outcome of comparative study conducted in respect of power tariff in the hydro-electricity, thermal and atomic power at the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The tariff of a generating company, whether foreign or Indian whose financial packages are approved after March 1992, shall be fixed in accordance with the Government of India Tariff Notification dated 30.3.1992. (as amended). The tariff of the Mangalore Power Project (Cogentrix), on its completion would also be fixed as per the norms agreed to in the PPA within the ceiling parameters of the tariff notification. The tariff of a power station is dependent upon its completed cost, type price and source of fuels, taxes and duties and year of completion and hence no one to one comparison between two power plants or power plants of one country with that of other country could be possible.

(d) The tariff of the present Central Sector, Hydro-Electric Thermal & Nuclear Power Stations are as under:

		Paise/Kwh
Hydro-electric	- Varies between	42 to 211
Thermal	- Varies between	58 to 214
Nuclear	- Varies between	57 to 207.

[English]

#### Expert Group

19. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI  
CHIKHALIA :  
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :  
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN :  
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expert group appointed by the Planning Commission to find out the number and ratio of the poor has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the said group;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Main Recommendations in the report are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d). The report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor has been circulated for a more informed debate on the issue of poverty. The Report has also been sent to several eminent experts on poverty for their comments. The recommendations of the Expert Group with regard to the estimates of poverty are being studied and will be finalized for the Ninth Plan.

#### STATEMENT

##### *Main Recommendations of The Expert Group on Proportion and Number of Poor*

(1) The Poverty Line recommended by the Task Force on projection of minimum needs and effective consumption demand, namely, a monthly per capita total expenditure of Rs.49.09 (rural) and Rs.56.64 (urban) at 1973-74 prices, be adopted as the base line at all India level. This was anchored in the recommended per capita daily intake of 2400 calories per day in rural areas and 2100 calories per day in urban areas with reference to the consumption pattern as obtained in 1973-74. The Group has further recommended that these norms may be adopted uniformly for all States.

(2) State specific poverty line should be estimated as follows : The standardised commodity basket corresponding to the poverty line at the national level should be valued at the prices prevailing in each State in the base year, i.e. 1973-74. For updating poverty line to the current prices in a given year, a State-specific consumer price index is needed. For this purpose, the observed all-India consumption pattern of the 20 to 30 percent of the population around the poverty line in 1973-74 should constitute the State-specific weighting diagram.

(3) It is necessary that the deflators chosen should satisfy three main requirements : (i) they should be State-specific, consistent with the adoption of State-Specific poverty lines on the basis of State-Specific base year prices, (ii) they should reflect, as closely as possible, prices relevant to the consumption baskets of those around the poverty line, and (iii) the data base for the construction of the deflators should be periodically available, comparable across States and consistent.

(4) The Group came to the conclusion that it would be most suitable to rely on the disaggregated commodity